

Mrs. Pierce's English and Social Studies Class Expectations

Textbooks

Each of you will be issued a Social Studies textbook to use at home. Please use it for more than a drink holder! You are responsible for the replacement cost of lost or severely damaged books.

Homework

Homework is typically assigned according to necessity. Some units may require homework every night; other units may have primarily in-class work or a culminating assignment. Homework is due at the beginning of class the following day unless another due date has been given. Late work will incur a deduction of 10% of the earned grade. Homework is late if it is not received at the *beginning* of the class period. There are two exceptions:

- 1) Absence: All missed work must be made up within a week. All make up quizzes and exams must be made up by appointment. Be responsible and don't let an absence hurt your grade!

- 2) The use of a "D.O.G.": Every trimester each of you will receive one "D.O.G.", or a "Day Of Grace" pass that you may use to turn in a homework assignment one day late for FULL CREDIT. You may not use more than one D.O.G. at a time.

Assignments

- All assignments (unless specified or approved) are to be done in pencil. If an assignment is completed in pen, you will be asked to rewrite it in pencil for full credit.
- If you are unable to complete an *in-class* assignment in the time allowed, you may turn it in by the *beginning* of class the following day for full credit. It will count as late if it is not received the following day.

Grades

Grades are calculated by adding the total points of all graded assignments: classroom exercises, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, etc. A printout of class assignments and grades (progress report) is available upon request. In addition, each student will keep a record of graded assignments and calculate their grade every two to three weeks. This way you will always know your current grade in the class!

Student Conduct

Students are expected to show WILDCAT PRIDE while at school, and hopefully in your day-to-day life as well! Each trimester you are given a citizenship "grade" that reflects your behavior in class. Repeated or serious violations of school and classroom rules will result in the reduction of your citizenship grade. Lying, cheating, or stealing in my class will result in an automatic citizenship grade of "U" for the trimester in addition to general White Hill consequences.

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